

HOUSE No. 2817

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente relative to investigations of reports of child abuse. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 51A of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2002 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the
3 following paragraph:—
4 Upon receipt of any report under this section, the department
5 shall immediately notify the proper public safety agency in whose
6 jurisdiction the alleged injury took place. The public safety
7 agency shall forthwith undertake an investigation. The department
8 shall coordinate its investigation and evaluation under section 51B
9 with the public safety agency until such time as the public safety
10 agency indicates it no longer desires involvement.